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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on April 20, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25, 27-31 now renumbered 1-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

This is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on April 20, 2006.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chris A Caseiro Registration No. 34,304 on August 24, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1:

Line 2, after "related to" delete "the"

Line 2, after "goods" delete "and/"

Line 4, after "the goods" delete "and/"

Line 11, after "to access", delete "its" and insert --the contributor's-- therein.

Line 13, after "contributor" to Line 15 before ", provided" delete "to determine which of the one or more other contributors provided what information of the second

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information group” and insert --to determine specific information provided by the one or more other contributors of the second information group— therein.

In claim 2:

Line 2, after “goods” delete “and/”

In claim 3:

Line 4, after “information of”, delete “its” and insert --the contributor’s-- therein.

In claim 6:

Line 4, delete “b. determining with respect to the second information group that a” and insert b₁ therein.

Line 4, delete “defined” and insert --defining—therein.

Line 6, before “and” insert --b₂ determining with respect to the second information group whether the defined amount information exists—.

Line 9, delete “that meets” and insert --meeting—therein.

Line 9, after “step”, delete “b” and insert --b₂-- therein.

In claim 9:

Line 2, after "group with", please insert "the contributor's".

Line 3, before "such that" delete "of its own".

In claim 11:

Line 2, after "stored query and" please delete "its re-use or its modification" and insert --re-use or modify the stored query—therein.

In claim 12:

Line 2, after "to access", delete "its" and insert --the contributor's-- therein.

Line 3, after "contributor" to Line 4, please delete "to determine which of the one or more other contributors provided what information of the second information group" and insert --to determine specific information provided by the one or more other contributors of the second information group— therein.

Line 6, after "the contributor," to line 7, please delete "determining with respect to the second information group that a" and insert --c₁ defining minimum amount of the information related to the particular query made by the querying contributor-- therein.

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Line 7, delete "defined" and insert --defining—therein.

Line 8, before "and" insert –c"₁ determining with respect to the second information group whether the defined amount information exists—.

Line 10, delete "that meets" and insert –meeting— therein.

Line 10, after "step", delete "c1" and insert –c"₁— therein.

In claim 13:

Line 2, after "to access", delete "its" and insert –the contributor's-- therein.

Line 3, after "contributor" to Line 4, please delete "to determine which of the one or more other contributors provided what information of the second information group" and insert –to determine specific information provided by the one or more other contributors of the second information group— therein.

In claim 23:

Line 5, after "product", please delete "and/".

Line 7, after "product", please delete "and/".

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Line 11, after "product", please delete "and/".

Line 14, after "product" delete "and/".

Line 16, after "product" delete "and/".

Line 18, after "to access", delete "its" and insert --the contributor's-- therein.

Line 20, before "contributor", please delete "that" and insert --the-- therein.

Line 20, after "contributor" to Line 21 delete "to determine which of the other contributors provided what information of the second information group" and insert --to determine specific information provided by the one or more other contributors of the second information group-- therein.

In claim 27:

Line 4, delete "its" and insert --the contributor's--therein.

In claim 28:

Line 2, after "both of", delete "its" and insert --the contributor's-- therein.

In claim 29:

Line 2, after "both of", delete "its" and insert –the contributor's—therein.

In claim 30

Line 1, after "goods", please delete "and/".

Line 4, after "goods", please delete "and/".

Line 10, after "to access", delete "its" and insert –the contributor's-- therein.

Line 11, after "contributor" to Line 13 before ",and provided" delete "to determine which of the one or more other contributors provided what information of the second information group" and insert –to determine specific information provided by the one or more other contributors of the second information group— therein.

In claim 31:

Line 2, after "both of", delete "its" and insert –the contributor's—therein.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantz Coby whose telephone number is 571 272 4017. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00AM-5:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on 571 272 4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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